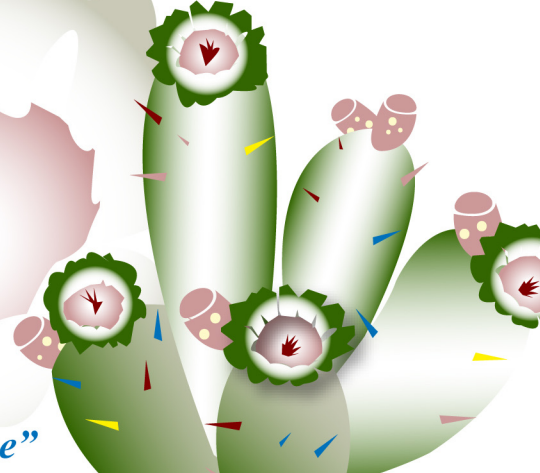




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Proud to be the home of Luke Air Force Base"*



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Travel Green Tips for the Summer

- Refuel when it's cool. Refueling during cooler periods of the day or in the evening can prevent gas fumes from heating and creating smog or "ozone". That helps to reduce unhealthy air days, especially in the summer.
- Don't top off your gas tank. It releases gas fumes into the air, which cancels the benefits of the anti-pollution devices on the pump. So stopping at the click reduces pollution.
- Use less gas. Not idling, maintaining your car, keeping your tires properly inflated and buying or renting low-emission fuel efficient cars will help you use less gas, save money, and reduce air pollution.

"Travel Green" in the City of Glendale provides information, tools, and resources to help residents, employers, and employees make wise choices when traveling. [Click here](#) to visit the Travel Green Web site.



Summer Recreation Drop in Program. This fun, supervised program features games, special events, sports, special guests, arts and crafts and awareness programs. It's summer fun for children who have completed kindergarten through those entering 8th grade in the fall. The program runs June 1-July 2, Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

In the Cactus District, the program will be held at Rose Lane Recreation Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave.

Registration will take place Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. and the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. A one-time supply fee of \$35 for residents or \$55 for non-residents and an emergency card must be submitted before a child may attend. Beginning May 18, registration will be

taken at the Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-2046 for more details and locations.

Motorcycle Awareness Month. May is motorcycle awareness month, and you should know the facts!

In 2004, there were 4,008 motorcyclists killed and an additional 76,000 were injured in traffic accidents in the U.S. These are scary numbers, and here's what we can do to help bring those numbers down.

- Watch for motorcycles. There are more riders than ever before so it's important to watch for motorcycle riders and help them "keep the rubber side down."
- Practice safe driving. Many bikes are now capable of traveling at 100 mph, and they are lighter and quicker. As a rider, learn to know your speed and heed the speed limits.
- Wear a helmet. Arizona does not have a mandatory helmet law, so injuries and death numbers have increased. Make sure it fits and meets the U. S. Department of Transportation standard, which means the helmet should have a DOT sticker.

- Be careful on crowded roadways. Highways and streets are more congested than ever so it can be hard to see a motorcycle. Remember, when changing lanes a motorcycle rider has the same rights as a car, and that applies to entering or exiting highways.

[Click here](#) for training and more information.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. Applications are being accepted from high school students to serve on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) for the 2009-10 school year.

MYAC gives local teens the chance to share their views and ideas on a variety of youth-related issues firsthand with the mayor and work on community initiatives.

MYAC members organize the city's annual Glendale Student Government Day and produce and host Teens Today, a monthly show on Glendale 11, the city's cable channel.

Recently, commission members bought and donated new clothes to the Boys and Girls Club—Swift Kids Branch in Glendale as part of a community service endeavor the members organized themselves. Clothes were purchased with money raised from working at city of Glendale festivals.

MYAC members must commit approximately five hours per month to meetings and activities. Commission meetings are held from 7-8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Glendale City Hall.

MYAC is limited to 50 members. To be eligible, teens must complete and submit a membership application, reside in Glendale and be enrolled in high school for the 2009-10 school year. For more information or to download an application, [click here](#). The deadline to submit a completed application is Friday, June 5.

Around Town

Are You Ready to Be a Business Owner? David Moss, facilitator with the Maricopa Community Colleges Small Business Development Center (SBDC), presents "Should I Start My Own Business?" at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 18 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

This seminar is perfect for people who are in the early stages of starting a business. Find out the answers to the most basic questions prospective business owners have about developing a business plan, how to obtain financing, and types of business ownership.

The workshop is free. Registration is required; to sign up, call the SBDC at (480) 784-0590 or [click here](#).

Glendale Coffeehouse. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On May 20 enjoy Steve Miller, always high energy and great fun; Dale Gibson and the Hurricajuns, described as more hilarity than should be allowed; and Chicks with Picks, you know, girls with guitars. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

That Thursday Thing. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and bling up your wardrobe with a tiara as Downtown Glendale celebrates Girl's Night Out with a Pajama Party & Tiara Party on May 21. Event hours are 5 to 8 p.m. The May event marks the final "That Thursday Thing" of the season, so don't miss out!

Begin the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court.

The charity component for May is a new blanket and pajama drive to benefit local women's organizations, adoption centers and the West Valley Child Crisis Center. New blankets and pajamas (women's and children's sizes) will be accepted at the Glendale Visitor Center. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500.

Summer Reading Program. Glendale Public Library's annual free summer reading programs for children and teens begin on May 26. To register for the youth program, pick up a game board at the closest Glendale library. Teens can sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/library/teen or at the library. The reading incentive programs end on July 25.

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